

# Nambya language

**Nambya**, or *Nanzwa/Nanzva*, is a Bantu language spoken by the Nambya people. It is spoken in northwestern Zimbabwe, particularly in the town of Hwange,<sup>[3][4]</sup> with a few speakers in northeastern Botswana. It is either classified as a dialect of Kalanga or as a closely related language.<sup>[5]</sup> The Zimbabwean constitution, in particular the Education Act, as amended in 1990, recognises Nambya and Kalanga as separate indigenous languages.<sup>[5]</sup>

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## Phonology

Nambya is a tonal language. It has a simple 5 vowel system and a typical Bantu consonant-vowel (CV) syllable structure. The language has onsetless syllables, but these are restricted to the word-initial position, making Nambya typical of the Southern Bantu languages.<sup>[5]</sup>

## Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e		o
Open		a	

## Morphology

Like many Bantu languages, Nambya has a highly agglutinative morphology.<sup>[5]</sup>

## References

<b>Nambya</b>	
Nanzva	
<b>Native to</b>	Zimbabwe, Botswana
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Nambya people
<b>Native speakers</b>	80,000– 100,000 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Atlantic–Congo</li> <li>▪ Benue–Congo</li> <li>▪ Southern</li> <li>▪ Bantu</li> <li>▪ <b>Kalanga</b> (S.10)</li> <li>▪ <b>Nambya</b></li> </ul>
<b>Official status</b>	
<b>Official language in</b>	Zimbabwe (both Kalanga and Nambya)
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	nmq – Nambya
<b>Glottolog</b>	namb1291 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/namb1291">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/namb1291</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

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